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THE CHARACTER OF PRESIDENT HEBER J. GRANT.

THE testimony of a man's closest friends, to the style and character a man really is, cannot go unnoticed. It must have its weight and influence. The following brief tributes, from his associates in the council of the Twelve and others, published in the *Juvenile Instructor* and *Improvement Era*, will convey, as forcibly and truly as anything that could be written, a fair and correct impression of the superb quality of the great mind and heart that now leads the Latter-day Saints.

BY ELDER RUDGER CLAWSON.

I have been intimately associated with President Heber J. Grant pretty much all my life, and of his many admirable traits of character that of generosity has always deeply impressed me. He has a truly sympathetic heart. A friend in need invariably incites his interest, and he is quick to institute some means of substantial help. Hundreds have come into possession of souvenirs from President Grant, in the form of valuable gift books which have contributed greatly to their intellectual advancement. These and other expressions of his friendship and love serve to emphasize the goodness of his heart.

President Grant was deeply touched by the sorrows and distress growing out of the great world war, and responded to many a call by the Red Cross, and other organizations, for financial aid. In all public and charitable movements he is among the first and foremost. It will be remembered that he was appointed State chairman of the Liberty Loan Committee, and with his usual energy rendered exceptionally good service. As a member of the State Council of Defense he entered into the work with a lively and sympathetic interest. The spirit of generosity and abiding sympathy are truly leading traits in the character of President Heber J. Grant.

By Senator Reed Smoot.

No one could really know the innermost thoughts and high ideals of President Heber J. Grant without becoming his friend and admirer. What has most endeared him to his many acquaintances is his intense humanity. He is human all through and he loves humankind. No man living is blessed with a greater degree of charity than he, as thousands can testify: having received assistance from him and at a time when assistance meant everything to them. No trouble of another was ever too great or too small to command his attention. His willingness to take the troubles of others seemingly has no limit.

His sublime faith in the principles of his Church and his strong testimony of the existence of our Heavenly Father have strengthened and encouraged tens of thousands. His convictions are strong and are strongly maintained. He never skulks or evades but with resolution and courage fights out every issue openly to victory or defeat.

He is direct in thought and action. He is frank and truthful and entirely free from that cowardice which breeds deception. Hypocrisy is a thing abhorrent to him. In boyhood and in manhood, in private and in public, no one can recall a mean or ignoble or cruel or deceitful act on his part. He is faithful to his work, steadfast in his friendships—loyal to every cause he espouses. His life has made mankind happier; his example has made people better; his service is an integral part of the work over which our Heavenly Father has called him to preside. May he be sustained and blessed in that calling, forever.

By Elder George Albert Smith.

I have known President Heber J. Grant since I was thirteen years old, and he has always been very dear to me. His untiring energy and "stick-to-it-iveness" have been an inspiration to thousands. His great heart goes out to those in distress, and his generosity has lifted many a load of debt from those in need. Punctuality is one of his many virtues. His business sagacity has pointed the way for the establishment of successful enterprises, furnishing employment to hundreds of men and women. In some cases, where his financial judgment was questioned by men considered experts, he has been vindicated by the success of his plans. His offer of prizes and scholarships has been a blessing to many a youth. Healed by the power of God, when his life was despaired of by all but his wife, he evidenced his gratitude by renewed energy in the service of the Master. Long years of diversified experience has qualified him for the exalted position he now occupies, and a multitude of God's children will be blest by his ministry.

By Elder Orson F. Whitney.

He is unquestionably the Man for the Hour, and the Lord undoubtedly has fitted him for the weighty responsibilities that are ever the lot of the incumbent of this high and hallowed position.

I have noted some of the hard experiences that Brother Heber has undergone, from childhood up, to prepare him, as I believe, for his presidential career: and I have admired the spirit—the courage and fortitude with which he has always met reverses and strokes of ill fortune. The waves have gone over him, but he is all the stronger for their buffetings: and standing now upon the shore, safe-sheltered from the storms that once beat upon him, he can smile complacently upon the futile foaming of the billows.

I accept this man as a safe guide, a trustworthy pilot. I honor him as the Lord's anointed. There is nothing but love for him and his in the hearts of me and mine. I sustain him with all my soul—his counselors likewise, and all his associates in the Priesthood. I hope always to merit their confidence, and to keep pace with them in marching to the eternal goal.

By Elder David O. McKay.

Few, if any, of our leaders have thrown open their characters so freely to their friends and associates as has President Heber J. Grant. His life is an open book: and he who reads it finds that every chapter discloses those noble traits which stamp the truly great man.

The first of these to awaken my admiration was President Grant's open frankness and honesty of purpose. Next to his unfaltering faith in the gospel and his invincible determination to do right, honesty stands out as a permanent virtue of his life. Truly he has won what the immortal Washington declares to be "the most enviable of all titles—the character of an honest man."

Again, I have never met a man more generous-hearted. To share his means and his happiness with others is his greatest delight. To comfort the widow and the fatherless comes as natural to him as breathing; or, I was going to say, as remembering figures—a faculty he possesses to an astonishing degree.

A third dominant trait that has impressed me, and one which marks every page of his life, is perseverance. What he has achieved in overcoming difficulties in athletics and singing is common knowledge; and, undoubtedly, many a discouraged young man has received renewed courage and determination to succeed, because of the fruits of perseverance shown by President Grant.

With high honors he has come through a school of experience such as few men are permitted to enter; and he stands to-day, beloved by all who know him, the chosen of God in the midst of Israel.

By Elder Anthony W. Ivins.

If asked what his nation is called, a Navajo would reply, "Tenah," a nation of men. You might then ask, "What constitutes a real man." If the Navajo answered as the writer would, the reply would be: "Faith, courage, integrity."

Faith develops spiritnality, a pre-requisite to true manhood. It brings us near to God, and to be near Him is to be near our fellow-man.

Courage enables one to stand without wavering for that which he believes to be right, to obey the voice of conscience regardless of the opinions or ridicule of the world.

Integrity is devotion to duty, to the promptings of the Spirit, soundness, uprightness, honesty.

All of these Heber J. Grant possesses to a marked degree. He is a real man.

By Elder Joseph F. Smith.

I can remember President Heber J. Grant from the days of my childhood and was even then greatly impressed with his determined perseverance in what ever he undertook. In my school days I was closely associated with members of his family. I have visited in his home and his children have visited in our home. In this way I became acquainted with many of his commendable characteristics. He always manifested a keen interest in all the social pleasures of his children and safegnarded them in the choice of their companions. He would enter into their games with a pleasure that could not be surpassed had he been of their own age rather than their father. This characteristic, I believe, has been a large factor in the wonderful hold, which he has had on the members of his family and enabled him to exercise an influence over them for good which is unsurpassed.

By Elder James E. Talmage.

From the time of my first acquaintance with President Heber J. Grant I have regarded him as preeminently a man of affairs, in the comprehensive sense of the term—a man efficiently active in both temporal and spiritnal affairs.

Unlike the closeted student, whose interests are academic, and all too commonly dreamy, abstract and theoretical, President Grant is a practical man, one who lives and works with and among his fellows, impelled by the desire to do them good.

But to him, all things of genuine worth, whether more directly related to this world or that beyond, are practical, and therefore command his interest and effort.

He is an organizer of rare ability and pure purpose, but is never content with mere construction; for to the enginery of his own designing he supplies the motive power of unrelaxing energy.

He is especially endowed as a leader of men.

By Elder Stephen L. Richards.

To my thinking, the predominant quality in President Grant's most splendid character is his uncompromising, aggressive honesty. Honesty as a quality is perhaps not technically capable of comparison, but I feel justified in saying that in all my acquaintances I have never known a more honest man than our beloved President. He is not honest for the sake of policy or because it pays to be honest. The quality is ingrained in the very tissue of his being. He is not only honest with others but he is candidly, sometimes almost harshly, honest with himself—a quality rare in men. He despises hypocrisy, and will never stoop in the least degree to find justification for any deviation from strict truth. He will not tolerate sharp practice in the affairs of business, or take advantage of any of the specious and so-called legitimate devices, which are so often made use of in the world of affairs. Would that there were more of his fine caliber in the world!

By Elder Richard R. Lyman.

Heber J. Grant is the son of the pioneer widow, Rachel Ivins Grant. She was so dignified in her bearing and so queenly in her pose, as to draw marked attention in any company. The keen but quiet expression of her bright eyes revealed her unusual power. While she was a woman of rare physical charm, her spirituality and Christ-like daily conduct were her most distinguishing qualities.

His admirable intimacy and never failing devotion to his mother and to her memory are among the many excellent and pronounced characteristics of Heber J. Grant. If this active American youth did not actually heed her every word and wish, he, nevertheless, loved his mother with an intensity that is akin to worship. When the call to the Presidency came it found him in the office of the President of the Council of the Twelve, where he did his work under the inspiring face of his sainted mother, as he has had her features preserved by the master hand of the artist.

He was her only child. The father died when the son was but nine days old. The remainder of his mother's lifetime—a little more than fifty-two years—was devoted to Heber. He was her only real living love. Words must fail to picture the beauty of the life these two lived together. During that short period of his life, when others looked upon him as an indifferent boy, spending his time playing marbles and baseball, with the same intense enthusiasm that has marked the work of his manhood, his mother never failed to hold for him the highest hopes and to have in him the greatest confidence.

This mother of his was devoutly religious. As soon as Heber was able to speak she, with her own prayerful lips, taught him to pray. She expected her prayers combined with his to bring him

unusual success. The prayers of mothers for and with their sons, it seems, seldom fail. Now this son is President. Could his mother speak she might be expected to say:

"For thy innumerable blessings, Heavenly Father, to a widow and to her son, I return heartfelt gratitude. I knew the faith of a lifetime which I had in my son, the only child thou gavest me, was a faith divine. Truly my prayers are answered. Thou hast filled to overflowing the measure of my blessings."

By Elder Hyrum G. Smith, Presiding Patriarch.

President Heber J. Grant, when only a babe, was, through the gift of tongues, declared to be "a chosen vessel"—one to stand high in the Priesthood, to be a leader among leaders. He was also, by prophetic vision of Patriarchs, declared to be a "chosen pillar" in Israel.

He has been afflicted more than once with deadly ill, yet the Lord has preserved and spared him to live and work out his complete mission.

President Grant stands to-day a personal representative of the Prophet Joseph, and like him, has grown from youth, a chosen son in the service of the Lord. Through that service he has become a man of powerful testimony, wonderfully developed in the spirit of love and benevolence—a cheerful and persistent giver.

By Pres. Seymour B. Young, of the First Council of Seventy.

In his strenuous life as a baseball player, President Heber J. Grant was always reaching for the top ring of the ladder and he played ball as he has since worked—always for a place in the front rank of his fellows. And as in this national game he became master of the situation and captain of his team, so in the Church he has become its leader.

As a boy and man, at whatever he undertook to accomplish, President Grant has been known to be one of the most persistent workers. And his tenacity has generally brought him success. In business he has always been recognized as a power. His life has truly fitted and prepared him for the exalted position he now holds. He is logically and eminently qualified to be the successor of our late beloved leader, Joseph F. Smith.

By Edward H. Anderson, Editor *Improvement Era*.

President Grant's life is full of testimonies that God lives and answers prayers, that Joseph Smith is a prophet of God, and that the Church which he was instrumental in founding is divinely established, by revelation from God the Father and His Son Jesus Christ.

As the burdens and responsibilities of his new and exalted position multiply upon him, President Grant will grow in ability and

strength to bear them. All faithful Latter-day Saints will join in prayer and deeds to make his administration strong, progressive and pleasing and acceptable in the sight of our Heavenly Father.

By Alfred Lambourne.

Most naturally when I think of President Heber J. Grant, aside from other considerations, it is to remember and admire him as a believer in and a patron of home literature and art. Not only has he encouraged the writers and artists of this our State with word of mouth and with word of pen, though the latter has been in private and with the kindliest of feelings, but he has also assisted them in a financial way. There are some of our writers and artists now dead who had reason to remember, until their last days, the cheering interest and the liberality of President Grant. He is one of the rare instances of a believer in and a helper of home talent in the higher fields. His actions have been consistent with his professions. In my heart I, for one, honor him in the attitude he has always assumed toward those who struggle, to make high the position of Utah in literature and art.

PRESIDENT WILLIAM BUDGE.

In the death of President William Budge, at Logan, Utah, Tuesday, March 18th, 1919, the Church loses one of its most stalwart, honored workers. He was born May 1st, 1828, at Lanark, Scotland, and was baptized at the age of twenty. He emigrated to Utah in 1860. From that time his life has been devoted to labors among and for the Latter-day Saints, in commercial, political, and Church service. In 1878-80 he presided over the European mission, succeeding President Joseph F. Smith. He was most successful, being an unusually able speaker and writer, winning the love, confidence and admiration of the people throughout the conferences and Continental missions. Many years before he had performed a mission in Switzerland. While presiding here he was assisted for nearly a year in the business department of this office, by Bishop Charles W. Nibley. He was for many years bishop of Paris, and President of the Bear Lake Stake in Idaho. Upon the death of President Merrill he was appointed president of the Logan Temple, which office he held until he died. In it and in all his Church labors, and in every other relationship, President Budge was an example of the highest type of Latter-day Saint, full of faith and devotion to the Cause. He was a great High Priest of God, who served the Lord and blessed his fellowmen.

J. F. W.

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EDITORIAL.

APRIL CONFERENCE POSTPONED.

THE following is the notice published in the *Deseret Evening News*, of March 22nd, 1919:

At the regular weekly meeting of the First Presidency and Council of the Twelve, held in the Temple, March 20th, it was unanimously decided that the annual general conference of the Church, called for April 4th, 5th, and 6th, should be postponed, until such time later as the First Presidency shall designate. This action was taken after hearing of the serious recurrence of the influenza epidemic in various parts of the State, and after learning that a number of stake quarterly conferences, scheduled for the near future, had had to be deferred by reason of local health conditions.

It is not to be understood, from the foregoing, that regular Sunday services, now held in this city and other places, where epidemic conditions do not exist, are discontinued. Such services will be held as usual, so long as health conditions do not render it inadvisable.

HEBER J. GRANT.
ANTHON H. LUND.
CHARLES W. PENROSE.
FIRST PRESIDENCY.

This announcement issued by the First Presidency of the Church will be read with deep disappointment by its members throughout the world. It is perhaps the first time in the history of the Church when it has become necessary to postpone the opening of one of the general conferences, on account of an epidemic of disease. It was hoped that the prevailing malady had been brought under control, and upon the recent resumption of meetings in Salt Lake City that no further restrictions should be necessary. But this insidious, frightful contagion is difficult to root out, and continues in various places to reap its dreadful toll of human life. Far greater in number than deaths from the world's great war, have been those from the influenza-pneumonia among the Latter-day Saints during the past year. Let the earnest faith and prayers of the people everywhere be raised to the Lord, that He will shed forth the power of healing upon those who minister to the sick, that this disease may be abated, and no longer afflict His people.

J. F. W.

FAREWELL, ELDER SJODAHL.

Upon reading the "Farewell" of Elder J. M. Sjodahl in the last issue of the *Star*, the thought came forcibly to my mind what wonderful men are these who have served, as he has, in the position he is now vacating, and in which, he says: "For a little over four years and a half, it has been my privilege to contribute to the pages of this venerable Church magazine."

What a remarkable service it has been! How can men doubt the Truth that inspires it or the sincerity of those who perform it? For four and a half years Elder Sjodahl has given his time and talent, his devoted, prayerful, unselfish service, without money and without price, to the publications of this office. No small labor attaches to the weekly issue of the *Star*, even under normal conditions. The burden of this labor falls upon those occupying the place he is leaving. It has been greatly increased, during the period of the war, when the skilled help was taken away from the office and he, together with the other elders, was compelled to do their work, in addition to the regular editorial work required. At the least calculation each of these brethren has had to do the work of two men. It has been very exacting by reason of the unusual conditions, and, after performing his part with brilliant ability, Elder Sjodahl concludes it, with an expression of gratitude to God for the privilege and the blessing it has been to him. Is there to be found anywhere, among missionaries of any of the denominational churches, such examples of willing unpaid for service, performed in such unselfish, patient fashion, ending in such lofty thoughts of praise to God and thanksgiving for the opportunity to serve Him and His children to the utmost? If there is, they are exceedingly rare and not often heard of. This one man has so served for this long period. No especial distinction or honors, as no emolument of money or place or power, has been given him for these years of constant labor. And yet he feels repaid, amply, abundantly, and goes home rejoicing in the fact that he has worked, almost slaved, for over four years for the Cause that has employed him, with "a heart full of gratitude and love towards all who have supported the *Star* during this time." Then he takes his farewell with a renewal of his testimony that "Joseph Smith was a Prophet of God, raised up for the purpose of proclaiming the second advent of our Lord;" and he proceeds to prove it by the most lucid reasoning.

Can the world account for this man's service, except by admitting the truth of his testimony? It cannot. There is no other way. They may call him a fanatic, deluded and in endless ways try to belittle the importance of his work. But they cannot deny that it has been done, well done, in faith, in a fine spirit of Christian love, giving him joy in its execution, and blessing those who have witnessed and shared in it.

It has not been labor in vain. It has, as he realizes, been a labor of love carrying with it the favor and blessing of the Lord. His reward awaits him in the triumph of the Cause which he has so truly served. His reward is that of his illustrious predecessors in the editorial department of this office for nearly eighty years.

Many elders of the Latter-day Saints have so labored, none with more earnest devotion under greater difficulties than Elder Sjodahl. Their names pass from living memory, perhaps, but the work they did and the merit of their devotion has not passed from the knowledge and approval of the Almighty, whose place and power it is to save and bless.

J. F. W.

GET THE SPIRIT OF YOUR MISSION.

THE most common admonition given elders, when being set apart to take a mission to preach the gospel, has been, from the beginning, "Get the spirit of your mission."

The writer well remembers, when he was called to go upon his first mission that, for the period after he was called at the general conference—the practice then being to call the names from the public stand in the Tabernacle, that being the first notice the elders would receive—and the time of starting, he expected his father to take him aside and instruct him, as to what he should believe, and do, and say, and avoid while upon his mission. This expectation was not realized. But, on the contrary, upon the day of his departure, his father said to him: "Goodbye: the Lord bless you! *Get the spirit of your mission.*" He was very young then and inexperienced and did not know what the phrase meant and wondered at it; and that nothing more was said to him, though he looked for at least an hour's instruction from day to day as the time passed.

It was after he reached his field of labor in England, and had been assigned as traveling elder in it, that the knowledge of its meaning came to him. But a few days had passed before there came upon him an influence and power altogether new to him, that at once took direction of his thoughts, animated his utterance, brought out things that had been hidden in his consciousness and revealed glimpses of things to come to his maturer knowledge; all with a clarity and force that greatly surprised and delighted him, giving him an exultant feeling that was sublime. This was accompanied by a courage among his fellows that was new to him, and a confidence in the Priesthood that had sent him, and a trust in the Lord, that he had hardly known, and whose servant he discovered himself, verily, now to be: all of such quality that his mind was relieved of every doubt, his voice of its tremor, his knees of their trembling; and he found himself in fact an authorized, accepted servant of the Lord, a messenger of life and

salvation to his fellowmen. He had received the *Spirit* of his mission and in it found, not only the hour's instruction expected from his father, but hours and days and months and years of counsel and instruction, that should be a guide to his feet and a lamp to his path, according to his faithfulness, while life should last and immortality endure.

He had supposed his mission would be for two years and that, when this usual period should be over, he would be through and have done with it; and that he could then return home, to engage in other pursuits, his chief ambition at the time being to go to an Eastern college and qualify in one of the learned professions. He had said as much to his father one day, whereupon the latter had replied: "You will never be through as long as you are a Latter-day Saint." At the time, this seemed a most hard and discouraging saying. But now, in the light of the spirit of his mission, he understood it, and that it was indeed inconceivable that there ever should be an end to his ministry; for he realized that he was called of God, commissioned to labor among his fellowmen, in an office of the eternal priesthood, and it was not possible, while holding such an office, to imagine an end to his missions. He now understood and knew what his father already knew before him, and was greatly strengthened in his faith and testimony by the common understanding between them and by his fellowship in the priesthood which it signified.

As he went about, calling upon the people at their homes, attending the branch meetings and conferences and officiating in the various duties of his office and calling, he found that each succeeding day he was learning something new, at least it appeared new to him: things that he did not get out of books, though, later, he found confirmation of them in books—truths so plain, so wonderful and all-compelling that they filled his mind, driving before them every vain contention and every sign of doubt. Moreover, the power to declare them was given him, so that, as he spoke, he convinced his hearers, as he became himself confirmed. He presently found himself preaching to his fellowmen free and unafraid, "as one having authority among them, and not as the Scribes and Pharisees." He knew also, that it was not he, but the spirit in him that so ministered; and in humility he learned and acknowledged his dependence upon the spirit of his mission.

The foregoing was an experience of forty-seven years ago. It is as vivid to-day to his memory, as though it were but yesterday. Throughout this long interval, it has remained a precious memory. Though engaged in many occupations, in many places, going about the world, meeting all sorts and conditions of men, passing through scenes and circumstances that were trying at times and difficult to reconcile with any purpose or design of Providence, nevertheless the day-dawn of that early mission, when he got the spirit of it, has diffused light through all the intervening years. He knows

now, as he knew then, that this spirit is light—of "The light which shineth in darkness, and the darkness comprehendeth it not." It is the undimmed luminary sent into the world, "to be a light to the world, and a messenger before the face of the Lord, to prepare the way before Him."

It is by this spirit, that the writer hopes to see the way and be guided in the path, that shall lead to the honorable accomplishment of his further labors, in this missionary field, to which he is now assigned.

J. F. W.

MINUTES OF THE SCOTTISH CONFERENCE.

THE Scottish semi-annual conference was held on April 6th, 1919, in South Side Masonic Temple, 30 Abbotsford Place, Glasgow. There were present: President George F. Richards, of the European mission; Sister Alice A. Richards; President Ivin Hoggan, of the Scottish conference; Elders James F. Rennie, and Leonard A. Higgins, and Dr. George H. Higgins, of the Leeds conference.

The morning session convened at 10:30 with usual opening. Invocation by Brother William Rennie. Sister Catherine Rae conducted the Sacrament gem.

The Sacrament was administered by Brothers William A. Lucas, and James Hood, and passed by Brothers Thomas Hunter, Malcolm Hunter, and George McDonald.

President Ivin Hoggan then expressed words of welcome to the assembly.

The Primary and Kindergarten classes of the Glasgow branch Sunday-school gave a program of instructive recitations and solos, between which they rendered their concert recitations under the direction of Sister Elizabeth McPherson, and Sister Ellen S. Rennie, respectively, and under the leadership of Brother John Hunter. "Jesus wants me for a sunbeam," was rendered. The theological class was represented in ten-minute talks by James Hood on pre-existence, and Sister Janet Blake on resurrection. Dr. George Higgins, of the Bradford branch, addressed the congregation, giving an illustration of building our lives, as a builder erects a building, brick upon brick.

President George F. Richards expressed his pleasure in being present and hearing the program by the Sunday-school. Stated that the Sunday-school organization was given the Church in its early days. It is a school for edifying us upon principles of the gospel. Read from Doctrine and Covenants dealing with this subject. Further said, it is a grievous sin before the Lord for parents to be dilatory in teaching their children; and if they continue, they will be under condemnation. Children should be baptized at the age of eight years. The Sunday school he likened

to a nursery, planting the seed and caring for it until it grows up strong. Train up a child in the way he should go, and he will not depart from it.

Benediction by Brother John Hunter.

Afternoon session, at 2 o'clock, usual singing; prayer by Elder Leonard A. Higgins.

Elder James E. Rennie submitted the names of the general Church and conference authorities; all were unanimously sustained.

President James L. Graham, of the Airdrie branch, related how he became a Mormon.

Dr. George H. Higgins spoke upon: "Whatever principle of intelligence we attain in this life, we shall retain in the life to come." Encouraged those present to study Church standard works, for they are the choicest books in the world.

President George F. Richards endorsed the remarks of the preceding speakers. The theme he dwelt upon was, "Character, ourselves as we are; and reputation, ourselves as we appear to be." We are often prone to build reputation, rather than character. Read from the twenty-third chapter of Matthew many points upon this subject. God discerns our beings, even to the innermost depths of our souls and thoughts, whether they be righteous or unrighteous. Turn your minds towards the Lord, and He will turn unto you, was the counsel he left with the assembly.

Prayer by Sister Isabella Blake.

The evening session commenced at six o'clock. Brother William A. Lucas offered the invocation.

Elder Leonard A. Higgins expressed his pleasure in being called to the ministry. He said he trusted in the Lord for guidance and support, and he hoped the saints would sustain him.

Elder James E. Rennie spoke upon Mormonism. He said that its truths would benefit mankind in every phase of life. Even science, with all its wonders, would be greatly magnified through prayer and supplication unto the Lord.

President Ivin Hoggan addressed the assembly upon the first and great commandment: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God, with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind." All other gospel principles, he said, will then become second nature to us.

Elder James E. Rennie sang: "I'll go where you want me to go, dear Lord."

President George F. Richards asked: "Do we all do what the Lord wants us to do?" In doing so we become the recipients of blessings. In preaching the gospel, we are pleasing the Lord, blessing our fellowmen, and blessing ourselves. Goodness is to do good, and to be good. To glorify God is to be like Him, keeping His commandments, thus allowing our light to shine, that people might see our good works and glorify Him. If we *will* to do this it

can be accomplished. In failing we make our crosses. We can make them light or burdensome. Concluded by bearing a fervent testimony of the gospel, and invoking a blessing upon the congregation, inasmuch as it would be his last conference in Scotland.

Conference closed by singing: "The time is far spent," and President George F. Richards offered the closing prayer.

On Saturday evening at 7:30, President George F. Richards met with the priesthood, the lady missionaries, officers, and teachers and gave valuable instructions.

JAMES E. RENNIE, Clerk of Conference.

FROM THE MISSION FIELD.

THE Irish conference will convene in Dublin, May 4th, 1919.

Change of Addresses.—The address of the Bristol conference has been changed to 40 De Burgh Street, Riverside, Cardiff, South Wales.

The address of the Newcastle conference has been changed to 10, Summerhill, Sunderland.

Baptisms.—At 4 o'clock on Sunday, April 6th, 1919, a baptismal service was held at Deseret, 152 High Road, South Tottenham, London. Ten souls were received into the fold of Christ. Brothers William T. Hawkes and F. H. F. Simpson officiated. At the water's edge, President George F. Richards gave a most excellent talk on baptism.

Transfers.—On March 28th, 1919, Elder Wm. D. McAlister was transferred from the Nottingham, to the London conference.

On March 20th, 1919, Elder Herbert Burrell was transferred from the Hull, to the Newcastle conference.

On March 28th, 1919, Elder Arnold G. Holland was transferred from the Hull, to the Leeds conference.

Concerts.—On the evening of April 5th, 1919, a most enjoyable and successful concert was given at Deseret, 152 High Road, South Tottenham, London. The hall was very beautifully decorated for the occasion, with many flowers. The program consisted of vocal and instrumental solos and duets, recitations, a dialogue, and the tableau, "O My Father." A large and merry gathering enjoyed the evening.

A much-enjoyed concert was given at Westgate Hall, Bradford, Leeds conference, on April 10th, 1919, in honor of the two missionaries called from that branch. Sister Florence Bennett's singing was the feature of the program. A gift of a number of books was

presented by President Joseph S. Nelson. Elder Arnold G. Holland, Elder Reginald H. Sanders, and Brother Leonard A. Higgins, appointed to the Scottish conference, spoke briefly.

Branch Conference.—A Branch conference was held at Albion Hall, Darlington, Newcastle conference, on Sunday, April 6th, 1919. President Leslie T. Harper and Elder Herbert Burrell were in attendance. Two sessions were held. Sunday-school commenced at 2:30 p.m. Songs and recitations were given by the children. Conference President Leslie T. Harper and Elder Herbert Burrell then addressed the children. The evening service commenced at 6:30 p.m. The Sacrament was administered. Branch President George Tait opened the meeting for testimony-bearing. Nearly all the saints responded. It being the eighty-ninth anniversary of the organization of the Church, many testimonies were borne suitable to the day. A solo was rendered by Brother Isaac Sedgewick, of the Shilton branch, from which place many of the saints came and visited us. A very enjoyable and profitable time was spent.

Reorganizations.—On April 13th, 1919, at London College, Holloway, the Holloway Sunday-school was reorganized by President James Gunn McKay. Elder Herman Stulz was released as superintendent, having been sent to Germany by the British government. The following officers were sustained and set apart: Alfred J. Willmott, superintendent; Elizabeth Walters, first assistant; Maud Harris, second assistant; Dorothy Lovelace, secretary; Edith Ivy F. Tufts, chorister; Ivy Phippips, organist; and the following teachers: Alfred Willmott, Ellen D. Cole, Harriet Willmott.

On April 13th, 1919, at York House, Acre Lane, London, President Henry J. Stagg and all branch officers of the South London branch were released. Brother Stagg and family are leaving for Zion. Sister Anna O. McKay was present for the first time, as she had recently arrived from Zion. The following officers were presented by President James Gunn McKay, and they were unanimously sustained: George T. Long, president; Samuel G. Frost, first counselor; William J. Williams, second counselor; Elsie B. Leaney, clerk; Samuel G. Frost, chorister; and Florence Vincent, organist. They were all set apart under the hands of President McKay. Brother Henry J. Stagg spoke a few words of appreciation before leaving the branch.

Ordinations and Appointments.—On March 29th, 1919, Reginald H. Sanders, of Bradford, was ordained an elder and set apart as a missionary in the British Mission, by Elder Joseph F. Nelson. Elder Sanders is appointed to labor in the Leeds conference.

On March 29th, 1919, Ira W. Mount, of Sittingbourne, Kent, was

ordained an elder and set apart as a missionary in the British Mission, by Elder J. M. Sjodahl. Elder Monnt is appointed to labor in the Liverpool conference.

Sister Sarah Mary Clarke, of the Saltley branch of the Church, Birmingham conference, was set apart as a missionary in the British Mission, and appointed to labor in the Birmingham conference, on April 4th, 1919. She will keep the Handsworth Cottage and do the cooking for the elders.

On Sunday, April 13th, 1919, President Joseph S. Nelson and Elder Arnold G. Holland visited the Clayton branch, Leeds conference, and, with the approval of the saints, honorably released Brother George F. Balme from his position as branch president, owing to ill-health. Brother Edgar Balme was ordained an elder and set apart as branch president.

Elder Nicholson Elliott, of the Pudsey branch of the Church, Leeds conference, was set apart as a missionary of the British Mission, by Elder Leslie T. Harper, under the direction of President George F. Richards, April 12th, 1919. Elder Elliott is appointed to labor in the Newcastle conference.

Leonard Alleck Higgins, of Bradford, was ordained an elder and set apart as a missionary in the British Mission, on April 12th, 1919, by President George F. Richards. Elder Higgins is appointed to labor in the Scottish conference.

DIED.

MASON.—On March 15th, 1919, of influenza, Sister Margaret Locke Mason, of the Gateshead branch, Newcastle conference. She was born December 29th, 1843. Sister Mason hearkened to the voice of the Good Shepherd, and was baptized October 8th, 1912, by Elder Matthew Barnes, and was confirmed the following day, October 9th, by Elder Marion J. Steed. Sister Margaret Mason was a true Latter-day Saint, and lost no opportunity of bearing testimony of the restored gospel.

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